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- The working drawings for the assembly of the parts of undercarriages for extra-heavy freight cars of changeable gauge are delivered by the technical construction office of the VEB Schwermaschinenbau "Heinrich Rau" VVB Gus, Wildau.
- Since the spring of 1952, the undercarriages have been assembled by Lova Lokomotivbau Karl Marx Babelsberg VEB. At this plant the parts are welded and are painted with an anticorrosive paint. There are three welding groups on each shift; 15 to 18 wheel assemblies are put together by each group on each shift. Work is occasionally delayed by shortages of materials. There are two types of assemblies. The assemblies marked with the Russian B - 77,12 are 5.8 m. long, with a loading space of 5.2 m. The ones designated with the Russian B - 71,12 are 4.38 m. long. Both types have double bottoms to accommodate the alteration in the gauge. The final assembly takes place at Goerlitz-Niesky.
- Up to 100 of these undercarriages are produced monthly. Completed cars go to Wildpark-West near East Berlin, exchange depot for the Russian Army.

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Waggonbau Goerlitz VEB and Lova waggonbau Niesky VEB.

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